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Title: VACUUM ENCAPSULATION HAVING AN EMPTY CHAMBER

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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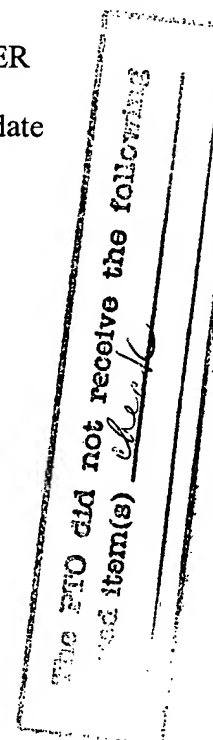
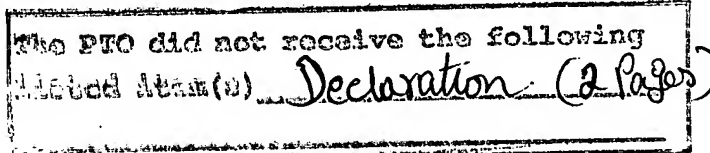
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Information disclosure statement, 1 page; PTO-1449, 1 page.
- Return Serial No. Postcard.

Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/465,269, filed April 25, 2003.

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